

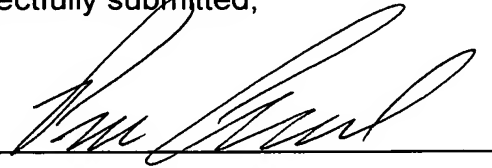
REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the cancellation of claim 1 and new claims 2-12 be entered prior to examination. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested

Respectfully submitted,

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